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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: ASEAN, JA, US

SUBJECT: GOJ QUESTIONS ON U.S.-ASEAN DIALOGUE

REF: STATE 202046

1. EMBOFF BRIEFED MOFA REGIONAL POLICY DIVDIR SEKI  
AUGUST 14 ON RESULTS OF U.S.-ASEAN MEETING ALONG LINES  
REFTEL. (WE HAVE ALSO CONVEYED WASHINGTON EVALUATION OF  
MEETING TO HIGHER LEVELS OF GOJ; IN ADDITION, MOFA HAS HAD  
BENEFIT OF ARIMA REPORT OF OAKLEY BRIEFING.) SEKI SAID  
MOFA WAS IMPRESSED BY APPARENT BREADTH AND CANDOR OF  
DISCUSSIONS, AND FELT MEETING WAS IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD  
FOR U.S.-ASEAN RELATIONSHIP.

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2. AT CONCLUSION OF BRIEFING, SEKI POSED SEVERAL QUESTIONS  
TO WHICH EMBOFF UNDERTOOK TO SUPPLY MORE COMPLETE RESPONSES:  
-- COMMON FUND: SEKI SAID GOJ WAS PLEASED WITH AFFIRMATION  
OF OUR INTENTION TO SEEK EARLY AND FAVORABLE OUTCOME TO  
NEGOTIATIONS. HE WONDERED WHETHER DURING COURSE OF OUR  
PRESENTATION WE HAD SUGGESTED THAT ASEAN COUNTRIES TAKE

LEAD IN DEVELOPING SUPPORT AMONG LDCS FOR MODERATE APPROACHES TO COMMON FUND ISSUES (WHICH WAS TACK SONODA REPORTEDLY TRIED IN PATTAYA MEETING). EMBOFF SAID THAT SEEMED IMPLICIT IN OUR POSITION, BUT OFFERED TO SEEK CLARIFICATION.

-- STABEX: SEKI WONDERED WHY ASEAN DELEGATES HAD NOT PURSUED THIS ISSUE, BEYOND SUBMITTING PAPER FOR RECORD. EMBOFF SUGGESTED THAT IT MAY HAVE BEEN BECAUSE U.S. POSITION WAS WELL KNOWN TO ASEAN. SEKI SAID MOFA WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER U.S. POSITION TOWARD STABEX REMAINED IN FACT SAME AS BEFORE IN ALL RESPECTS OR HAD PERHAPS BEEN MODIFIED RECENTLY.

--FOOD AND ENERGY: SEKI SAID MOFA WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN MORE DETAIL CONCERNING DISCUSSION OF FOOD AND ENERGY ISSUES, AND FOLLOW-ON STEPS ENVISAGED.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE ON FOREGOING POINTS.

4. IN ADDITION, SEKI WAS INTERESTED THAT WE HAD PLEDGED TO CONSULT FULLY WITH ASEAN ON COURSE OF U.S. RELATIONS WITH VIETNAM, AND STRESSED JAPAN'S DESIRE TO BE KEPT SIMILARLY WELL APPRISED. EMBOFF ASSURED HIM WE WOULD OF COURSE STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH ON THAT ISSUE. MANSFIELD

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